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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 02, 2019 for a copy of the following:

“Any records, photographs, reports, documents, communications, or memos discussing or related to the provision of Trinitite (also sometimes called Atomsite) or related materials to the US Army (or other branches of US military), private individuals, news media, corporations, or other government or private entities for the purposes of public relations, education, creating jewelry, display, or commemorative items. Please be sure to search for any records related to the provision of Trinitite for the creation of Trinitite jewelry for Merle Oberon or Pat Burrage (which was designed by Mark Koven). You may restrict your search to responsive records created in the dates between and including July 16, 1945 and March 31, 1946. To assist with locating some of the responsive records please find attached a brief feature piece from *Mechanix Illustrated* March 1946 discussing some of the aforementioned jewelry.”

Your request was received in this office on March, 05, 2019.

It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of the General Counsel, in accordance with the Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Although we are committed to responding to your request in a timely manner, we estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 work days. We need more time to complete the search of facilities geographically separated from this office, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending upon the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete. Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

Mr. Martin Pfeiffer

In your FOIA submission, you agreed to pay fees up to \$30.00 for processing your request, but also asked to be categorized under the “educational institution” fee status. We will process your request under the “educational” fee status and will notify you if the fees exceed \$30.00.

If you have questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact me by e-mail at Kari.Martinez@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00124-KM in your communication.

You may contact NNSA’s FOIA Public Liaison, John E. Weckerle, FOIA Officer, by telephone at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM, 87185. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. Contact information for OGIS: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email ogis@nara.gov; telephone 202-741-5770; toll free 1-877-684-6448; or by facsimile 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Kari Martinez
FOIA/PA Specialist